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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

Statistics compiled by the Placer County Sheriff's Department during the first three months of a racial profiling pilot project reveal that citizens who are stopped by deputies match the racial make-up of the county.

The department, along with the California Highway Patrol and other police and sheriff's departments statewide, is voluntarily participating in a State of California study to collect data such as race, age, reason for the stop, disposition of the stop and whether the vehicle was searched.

Statistics from the first three months reveal that in Placer County, the overwhelming number of people contacted were white males. Out of more than 4,000 deputy contacts, more than half were simply issued verbal warnings.

"The numbers show that deputies are making vehicle stops which are consistent with Placer County's demographics," said Sheriff Ed Bonner. "Also, the data indicates that deputies are making stops based upon reasonable cause and proper justification. They are not employing what has become known as racial profiling."

Other statistics include:

- Of the 4,150 citizens contacted, 84.5 percent were white, 7.5 percent were Hispanic and 2.3 percent were black.
- Only 7.2 percent of vehicles or persons stopped were searched.
- 2,228 drivers received verbal warnings.
- 701 moving citations were issued.
- 70 persons were arrested as a result of vehicle stops during the last three months.

Complete statistics are available upon request.

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